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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I choose to use Sonic.net as my provider because they are local to my area, supporting my local economy, and they have always provided outstanding service.

I absolutely support broadband competition. My family will definitely be materially affected if the petition is granted. I do not want to be stuck with the choice of only one or two providers, knowing that if it comes to that, price hikes will invariably follow.

Broadband is critical to my income, as I frequently work from my home office.

I urge you to consider the impact that granting this petition will have on many individuals, families and small businesses who all contribute to the economy on the local level.

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